

## HISTORY

ORIGINALLY BARREN FARM LAND, VAN NUYS WAS BORN AS A TOWNSITE ON WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND, 1911. VAN NUYS WAS ANNEXED TO THE CITY IN 1915 ALONG WITH OTHER AREAS OF THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY IN ORDER TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE INCREASED SUPPLY OF WATER PIPED INTO LOS ANGELES FROM THE OWENS RIVER VALLEY THAT SAME YEAR.

## LOCATION

VAN NUYS IS LOCATED IN ALMOST THE EXACT GEOGRAPHIC CENTER OF THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY LIKE THE HUB OF A WHEEL, WITH 19 OTHER FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES SURROUNDING IT ON THE RIM. A RECENT SURVEY BY THE AUTOMOBILE CLUB OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA INDICATES THE PRESENT POPULATION CENTER OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA TO BE AT VANOWEN AND VAN NUYS BLVD., VAN NUYS. DISTANCES TO OTHER CITIES: LOS ANGELES, 18 MILES: HOLLYWOOD, 12 MILES; LONG BEACH, 39 MILES; SANTA MONICA, 17 MILES: SAN DIEGO, 137 MILES; SAN FRANCISCO, 394 MILES.



## FACT SHEET ON VAN NUYS

### HISTORY

Originally barren farm land, Van Nuys was born as a townsite on Washington's Birthday, February 22nd, 1911. Van Nuys was annexed to the City in 1915 along with other areas of the San Fernando Valley in order to take advantage of the increased supply of water piped into Los Angeles from the Owens River Valley that same year.

### LOCATION

Van Nuys is located in almost the exact geographic center of the San Fernando Valley like the hub of a wheel, with 19 other friendly communities surrounding it on the rim. A recent survey by the Automobile Club of Southern California indicates the present population center of the State of California to be at Vanowen and Van Nuys Blvd., Van Nuys.

Distances to other cities: Los Angeles, 18 miles; Hollywood, 12 miles; Long Beach, 39 miles; Santa Monica, 17 miles; San Diego, 137 miles; San Francisco, 394 miles.

### STATISTICS

Area, 22 square miles; altitude, 750 ft.; Climate, mild, with average year round minimum temperature of 53.6 degrees, and maximum temperature of 72.7 degrees. Average rainfall, 12.56 inches.

### GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

City - local offices of most of the departments of the Los Angeles City Government are located in the Van Nuys City Hall. These include offices of the City's Fire and Police Depts.; Health Dept., Planning Dept., Street Maintenance Dept., Bureau of Rights of Way and Land; Building and Safety Dept., Office of the Deputy City Attorney.

County - many of the more important departments in the County Government are located in the new County Court Building, Delano and Sylmar Streets, Van Nuys. These include the offices of the Deputy County Tax Assessor, Deputy District Attorney, Probation office, Marshal's office and Municipal Courts.

State - local offices for the State of California are as follows: Department of Employment, State of California, 14559 Gilmore Street, Van Nuys; Department of Motor Vehicles, Gilmore and Coldwater Canyon, Van Nuys.

Federal - Bureau of Internal Revenue, 14521 Vanowen Street, Van Nuys. Bureau of Old Age & Survivors Insurance, 4623 Van Nuys Blvd.

### PUBLIC UTILITIES

Division offices of the public utilities serving the entire San Fernando Valley are also located in Van Nuys. These include the Southern California Gas Co.; Department of Water & Power, City of Los Angeles, and the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co.



## TRANSPORTATION

### Local

Metropolitan Coach Lines connecting Van Nuys with nearly all other communities in the San Fernando Valley.

### Interstate

Pacific Greyhound Bus Co., truck lines and Southern Pacific Co.

L. A. Airways - Helicopter service from Van Nuys to International Airport

## YOUTH, WELFARE & VETERANS AGENCIES

Offices for the following agencies are housed in the Community Chest Center, 14419 Burbank Blvd., Van Nuys: Girl Scouts, Campfire Girls, Woodcraft Rangers, Family Service, Catholic Welfare, Veterans Service Center.

Also located in Van Nuys is the Valley office of the American Red Cross, 14520 Albers St. West Valley Y.M.C.A., 14547 Hamlin St.; Boy Scouts of America, 14955 Saticoy St., San Fernando Valley Area Welfare Planning Council, 6127 Sepulveda Blvd.

## BUSINESS AND POPULATION GROWTH

	<u>1940</u>	<u>1950</u>	<u>1956</u>
<u>POPULATION</u>			
Van Nuys	20,298	63,693	104,419
<u>LOCAL BANK DEPOSITS</u>	\$ 7,617,705	\$50,972,811	\$122,344,038.
<u>NUMBER OF DEPOSITORS</u>	14,649	50,191	83,590
<u>POSTAL RECEIPTS</u>	\$104,328.12	\$685,044.00	\$1,625,035.23 (estimated)
<u>UTILITIES</u>			
<u>Van Nuys Division Office</u>			
Electric Services		111,780	197,542
Water Meters		93,254	163,759
Gas Meters		102,600	173,400
Telephones		29,147	66,357
<u>SCHOOL ENROLLMENT</u>			
Elementary Schools	3,138	7,854	18,486
Junior High Schools	1,351	3,274	6,043
High Schools	2,193	3,303	4,264
Junior College		974	4,606
<u>AUTOMOBILE REGISTRATION</u>			
Van Nuys Office		52,396	65,544



RETAIL STORES WITHIN VAN NUYS POSTAL DELIVERY AREA 350

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL OFFICES 500

TRADE AREA

The entire San Fernando Valley with a population of over 700,000 people.

<u>INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT</u>	<u>1948</u>	<u>1954</u>	<u>1956</u>
No. of manufacturers	110	225	350
No. of employees	3,917	10,050	15,500
Payroll	\$10,365,000	\$37,864,100	\$77,500,000
Value of manufactured products	\$48,749,000	\$194,837,000	\$225,000,000

ADVANTAGES OF A VAN NUYS INDUSTRIAL SITE

1. Good water
2. Low cost gas and electric power
3. Stable labor pool
4. Availability of ample industrially zoned property.
5. Truck and rail transportation
6. Good all-year round climate
7. Fine residential areas

Typical plants already located here: Chevrolet Assembly plant, Missiles Systems Division, Lockheed Aircraft Corp.; Marquardt Aircraft Co.; Whittaker-Gyro Co.; Pacific Mercury Television Mfg. Co.; Carnation Research; Anheuser Busch Co.; Jos. Schlitz Brewing Co.,

PARKS & PLAYGROUNDS

Van Nuys-Sherman Oaks War Memorial Park, 14201 Huston St., Van Nuys  
Kiwanis-Vanowen Playground, 14301 Vanowen St., Van Nuys

SCHOOLS

Elementary 19  
Junior High 3  
High School 2  
Junior College 1  
Parochial schools 5

CHURCHES - all denominations

HOSPITALS

Valley Hospital	99 beds
Victory Hospital	48 beds
Presbyterian Hospital	63 beds (now under construction)



### SPECIAL EVENTS

Air Show and Round Up of Southern California Private Flyers produced each year by the Van Nuys Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with the City's Airport Commission and the Air National Guard.

Bethlehem Star Parade, a different and distinctive Christmas-time event produced on the first Saturday of December each year by the pastors of San Fernando Valley churches in cooperation with local business leaders. This unique pageant features a series of beautiful church floats based on scenes from the nativity and from the mature life and ministry of Christ.



